
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 6, 2008
MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting via teleconference at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Supervisor Gary Ovitt	President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	2 nd Vice President
Mayor Jon Edney	Chair, CEHD
Councilmember Alan Wapner	Chair, TCC
Mayor Ron Loveridge	Chair, Administration Committee

Members not Present

Supervisor Yvonne Burke	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Richard Dixon	1 st Vice President
Councilmember Debbie Cook	Chair, EEC

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Justine Block, Deputy Counsel
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ovitt at 2:05 p.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Discussion/Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of January 3, 2008 Meeting

A motion was made (Edney) to approve the consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin).

A roll call vote was taken. There were 5 AYES and 0 NOES. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

3.2.1 Fulbright and Jaworski Contract

A motion was made (Loveridge) to approve the Fulbright and Jaworski Contract. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin).

A roll call vote was taken. There were 5 AYES and 0 NOES. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, announced that the February meeting would be Colin Lennard's last meeting serving as General Counsel. Mr. Lennard will continue working as a consultant until work on the RHNA is completed. He was thanked for the many years of service to SCAG.

4.0 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

4.1 Update on SB 375

Members received an updated status on the progress of SB 375 in the legislative process, noting that the bill is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and the author's stated wish is to move the bill prior to the budget negotiations later in this session.

Staff briefed the Executive Committee regarding ongoing negotiations between the author and local government, the building industry, environmental organizations and others. The Executive Committee directed staff to invite the author, Senator Darrell Steinberg, to appear before the Regional Council at its March meeting to explain the bill's provisions, and to provide an updated status on negotiations.

4.2 Update on Legislative Program Activities (Attached)

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 Appointments

President Ovitt stated the following appointments will be made at the Regional Council meeting: 1) Sam Pedroza, Claremont, to EEC representing San Gabriel Valley COG; Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach, to the Legislative Committee; and Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, to the Aviation Task Force.

5.2 Force for Change Update

President Ovitt announced that the next Force 4 Change meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2008 at the offices of the SCAQMD. A report will be presented at the next Regional Council meeting.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, outlined a summary of significant meetings he attended during the month as well as management changes within the organization. Mr. Ikhrata reported that he would be working with the Department Directors to implement changes at the Department and Division level during the month of February. A preliminary organization chart will be distributed to the Regional Council.

7.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, announced that pursuant to Government Code 54957(b) the Executive Committee would enter into closed session. A motion was made (Baldwin) to enter into closed session. Motion was SECONDED (Edney) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG; and City of Palmdale v. SCAG

After returning from closed session, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that there was nothing further to report.

7.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation Significant exposure to litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9 (b): Two potential cases

After returning from closed session, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that there was nothing to report.

7.3 Public Employment (pursuant to Government
Code Section 54957(b))
Title: Executive Director

The Executive Committee did not meet in closed session to discuss the above matter.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Executive Committee was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director